

a money order sub-system that is accessed via said web site upon selection by the bidder of said money order request selection, said money order sub-system configured for processing a money order request, said processing comprising:

requesting funds for a money order transaction upon receipt of a money order request;

upon confirmation of receipt of the requested funds, instructing a money order dispensing apparatus to generate a money order; and

confirming to the bidder that the money order request has been fulfilled.

12. A system according to Claim 11 wherein said money order sub-system comprises a money order server configured to communicate with said auction server, and a processor, said money order server coupled to said processor.

Q1 13. A system according to Claim 12 wherein said processor is programmed to request funds for a money order transaction upon receipt of a money order request by transmitting credit card information to a billing server.

14. A system according to Claim 12 wherein said money order server is further configured to communicate with a seller to confirm that a money order has been authorized.

15. A system according to Claim 12 wherein said money order sub-system further comprises a database coupled to said processor, said database comprising data for submitting an electronic funds transfer request and data for money order authorizations.

Sub 01 16. A money order system for processing a money order request, the money order system configured to communicate with a money order dispensing apparatus, said money order system comprising:

a server for receiving communications from and transmitting communications to a money order requestor;

a memory for storing information relating to money order transactions;

a processor coupled to said server and to said memory, said processor programmed to:

request funds for a money order transaction upon receipt of a money order request;

upon confirmation of receipt of the requested funds, instruct the money order dispensing apparatus to generate a money order.

17. A system according to Claim 16 wherein said processor is further programmed to confirm to the requestor that the money order request has been fulfilled.

18. A system according to Claim 16 wherein said memory comprises a database, said database comprising data for submitting an electronic funds transfer request and data for money order authorizations.

19. A database, comprising:

data for submitting an electronic funds transfer request and based on a money order generation request from a requestor;

data on a completed electronic funds transfer;

data on authorization of generation of a money order; and

data on a confirmation, for the requestor, of the money order authorization.

20. A method for purchasing a money order utilizing a money order system, said method comprising:

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submitting, to the money order system and via a wide area network, a request for a money order, the request including authorization to debit an account; and

receiving confirmation, via the wide area network, that the money order request has been fulfilled.

21. A method according to Claim 20 wherein submitting a request for a money order comprises the steps of:

selecting a money order request selection on a web page;

entering data requesting the money order including information identifying an account to be debited; and

authorizing debiting the account.

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22. A method for generating a money order from a money order dispensing apparatus, said method comprising:

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receiving, from a requestor and via a wide area network, a money order request;

requesting an electronic funds transfer upon receipt of the money order request; and

instructing the money order dispensing apparatus to generate a money order upon receipt of the funds in response to the electronic funds transfer request.

23. A method according to Claim 22 wherein requesting an electronic funds transfer comprises transmitting credit card information to a billing server.

24. A method according to Claim 22 further comprising the step of notifying a party that is to receive the money order that the money order has been authorized.